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no claim to the advantages mine possesses, either in facility of execution or rapidity of result. I think he says it requires six or eight minutes to accomplish what mine does in two or three seconds. After my process was published by being read at the meeting of the Association at York, the sulphate of iron was applied to iodised paper, but not before. That proceeding has increased its sensibility, and made it approach in sensibility to mine; but it obviously does not interfere with my right to consider the Catalysotype my own child, and to call it what I please. However, I think all experimentors with light owe you a great debt, and should pay particular attention and respect to your opinion on a subject for which you have done so much; I will, therefore, not insist on adhering to the word Catalysotype, but leave the process to be dealt with as a fact in the general history of active chemistry. For the present the name must be borne with, as my Paper is written and given to Dr. Robinson; but if it ever should be again spoken of, which is perhaps not probable, we will not elevate it to the honour of a distinct prefix.

“ I am, &c.

“ THOMAS WOODS.”

May 26, 1845.

SIR WM. R. HAMILTON, LL.D., President, in the
Chair.

A sealed packet was opened, with the consent of Mr. R. Mallet, by order of the Academy, which he had deposited with the Academy at the meeting of the 13th of November, 1843. Mr. Mallet then stated the subject matter of the enclosed document to be certain propositions regarding improved methods of working atmospheric railways, and that his object in calling for the production of the packet upon this evening was to claim his priority of invention, as similar plans have been since proposed by French and English engineers.

A letter from Mr. Clibborn was read by the Secretary, relating to the discovery of certain gold antiquities near Naas.